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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/651,294

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For: DISPLAY AND ACQUISITION  
OF DATA, EXCHANGED BY  
INTERPROCESS, FOR THE  
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF A  
SOLAR BATTERY

Examiner: A. Patel

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-U.S. document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,530,373
- (2) Japan 08-240640
- (3) Japan 06-059710
- (4) Japan 11-226222
- (5) Japan 05-151304
- (6) Japan 10-051711

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, namely Japan 11-249208. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated April 3, 2006, together with its partial English language translation, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby

certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

English language abstracts for the documents (2) to (6) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. Additionally, U.S. Patent No. 5,530,373 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 08-240640 and is being submitted to comply with the concise explanation of relevance. See MPEP § 609.

The Examiner is urged to study the foregoing information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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